

APPENDIX F

TRIBAL CONSULTATION



FEMA

May 18, 2005

Ms. Emma Hildebrand, President & CEO
Northway Natives, Incorporated
P.O. Box 401
Northway, Alaska 99764

Dear Ms. Hildebrand:

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Attachment 4
Project Consultation Options

Northway Natives, Incorporated

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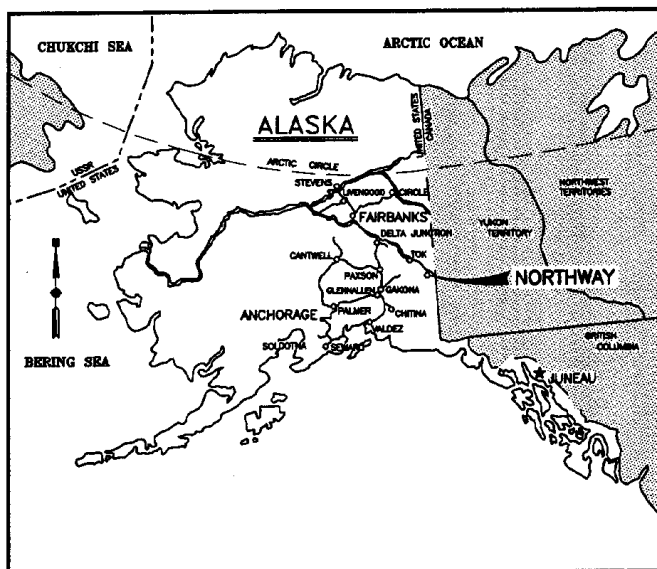
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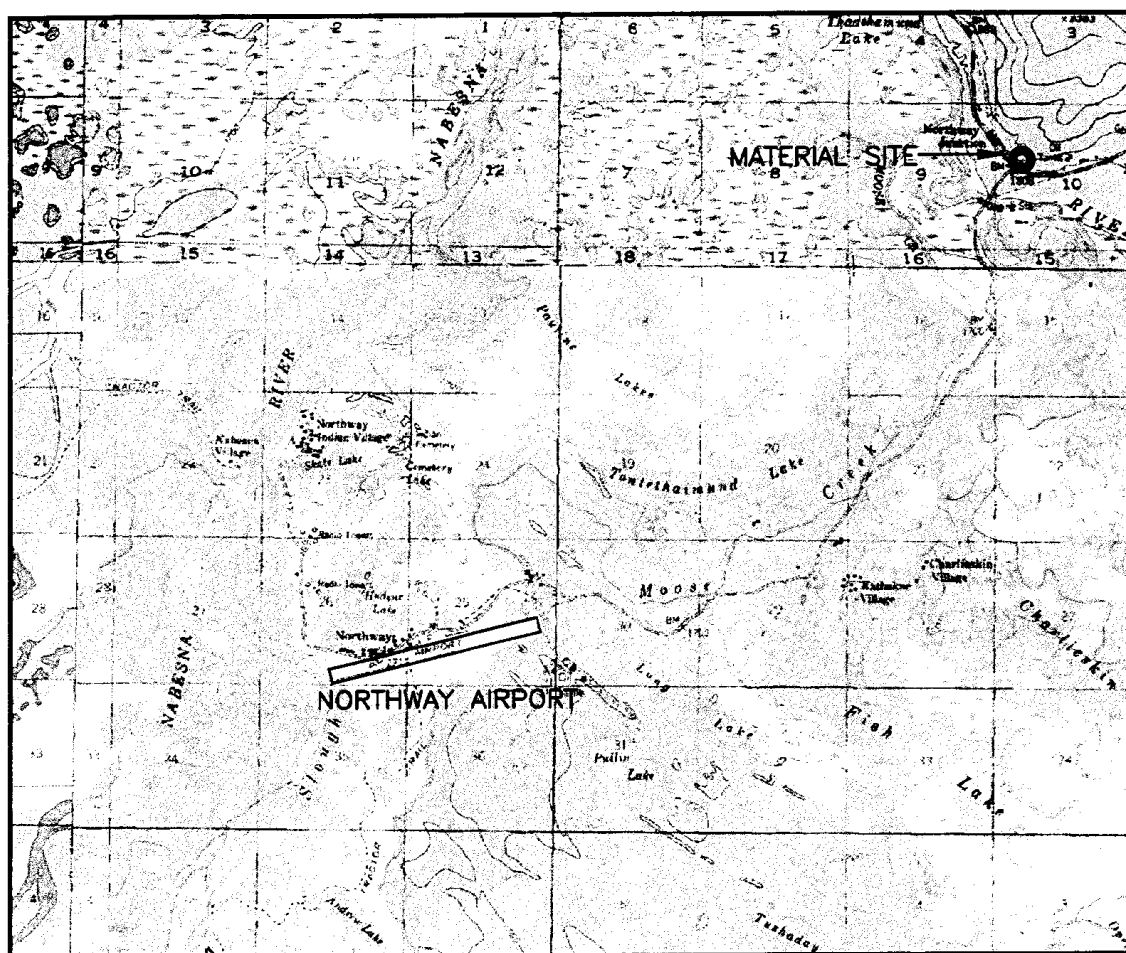
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LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP

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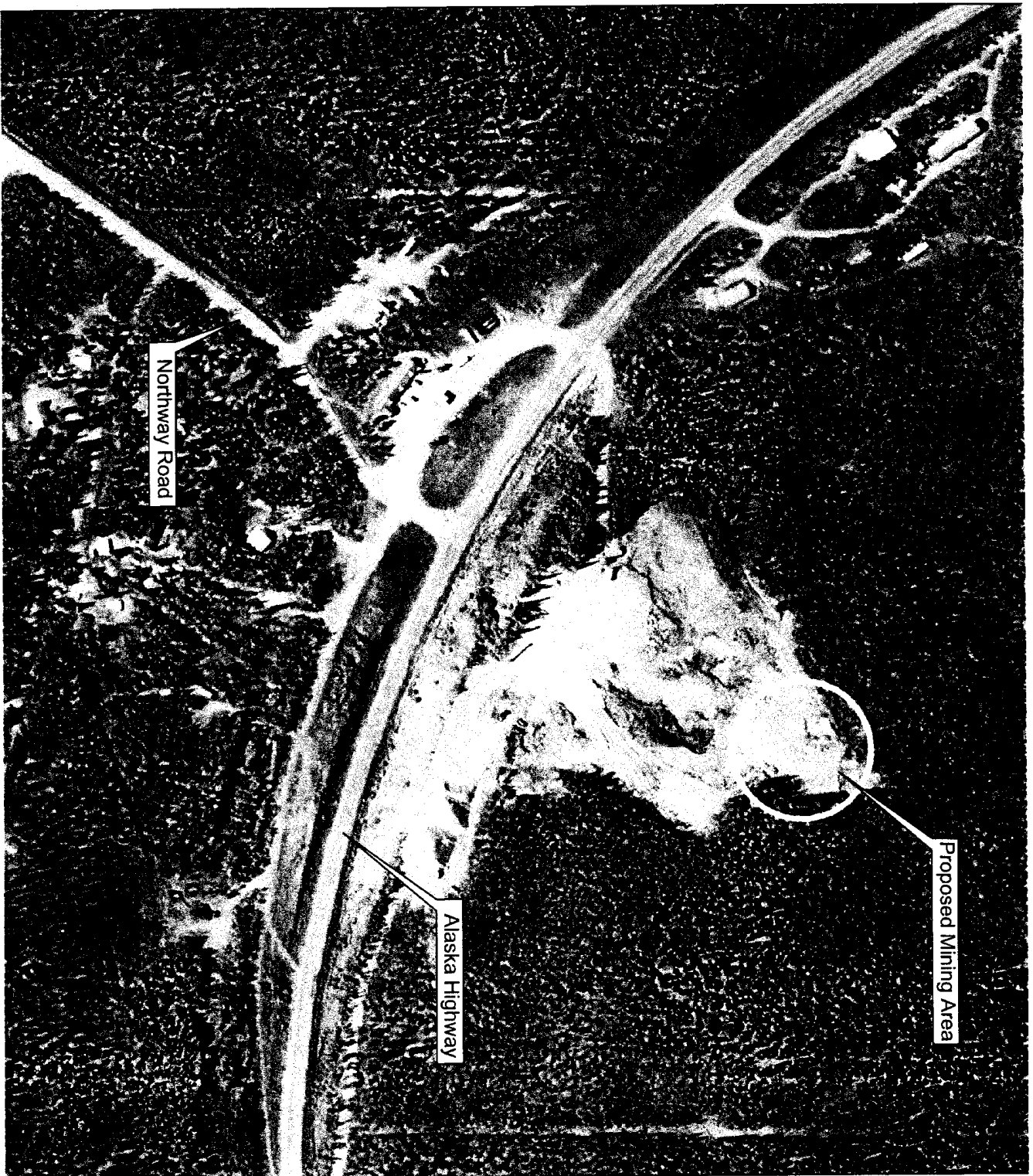


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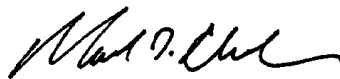
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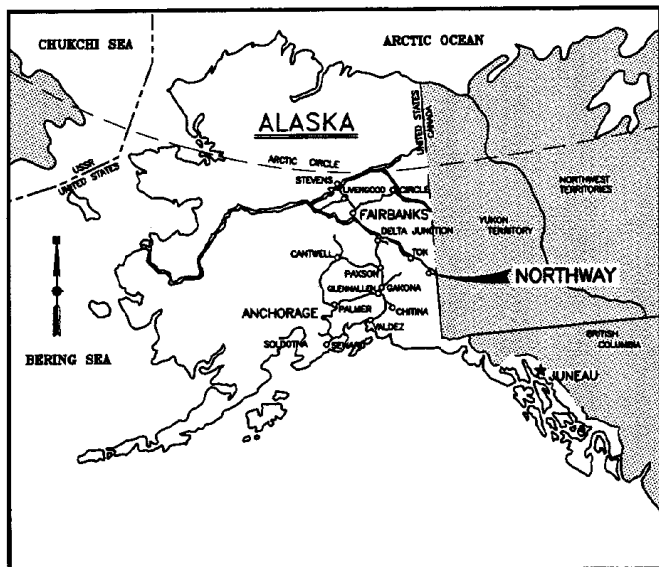
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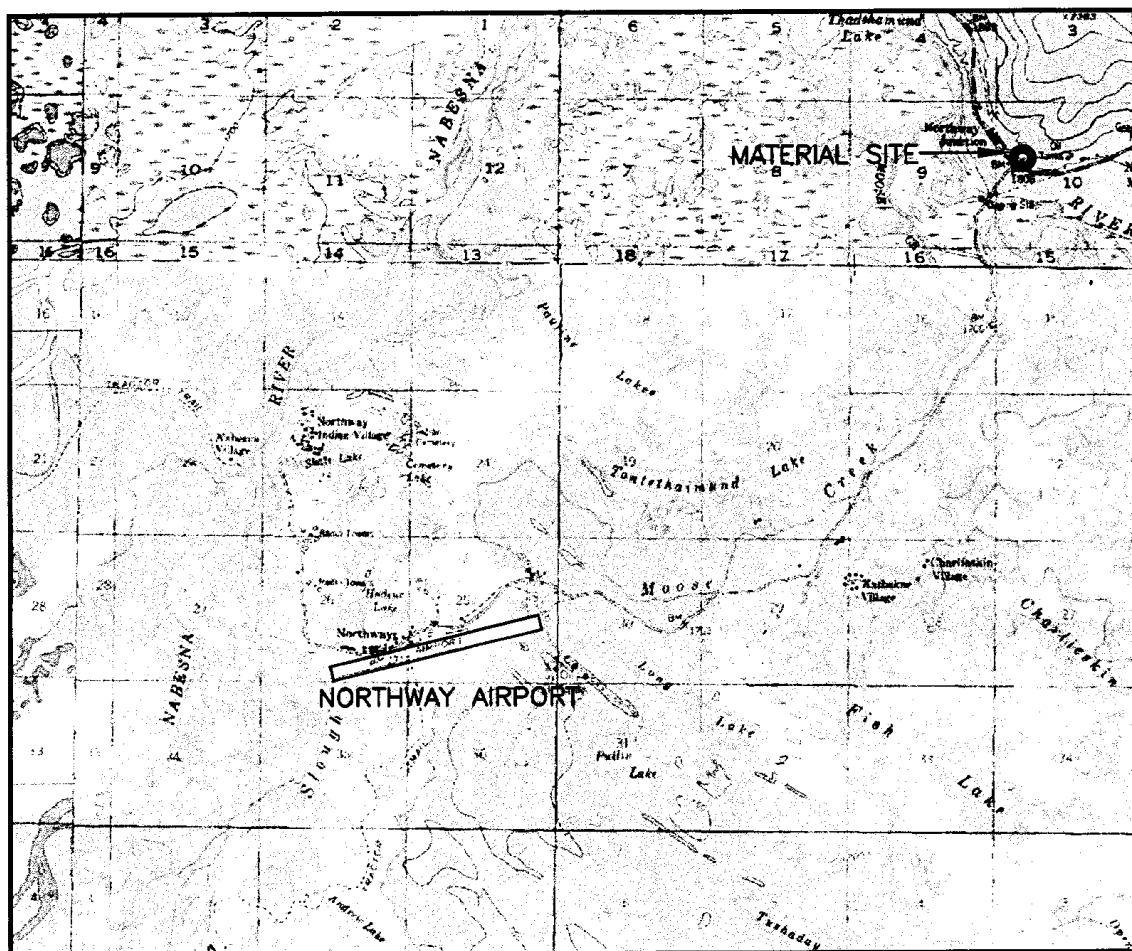
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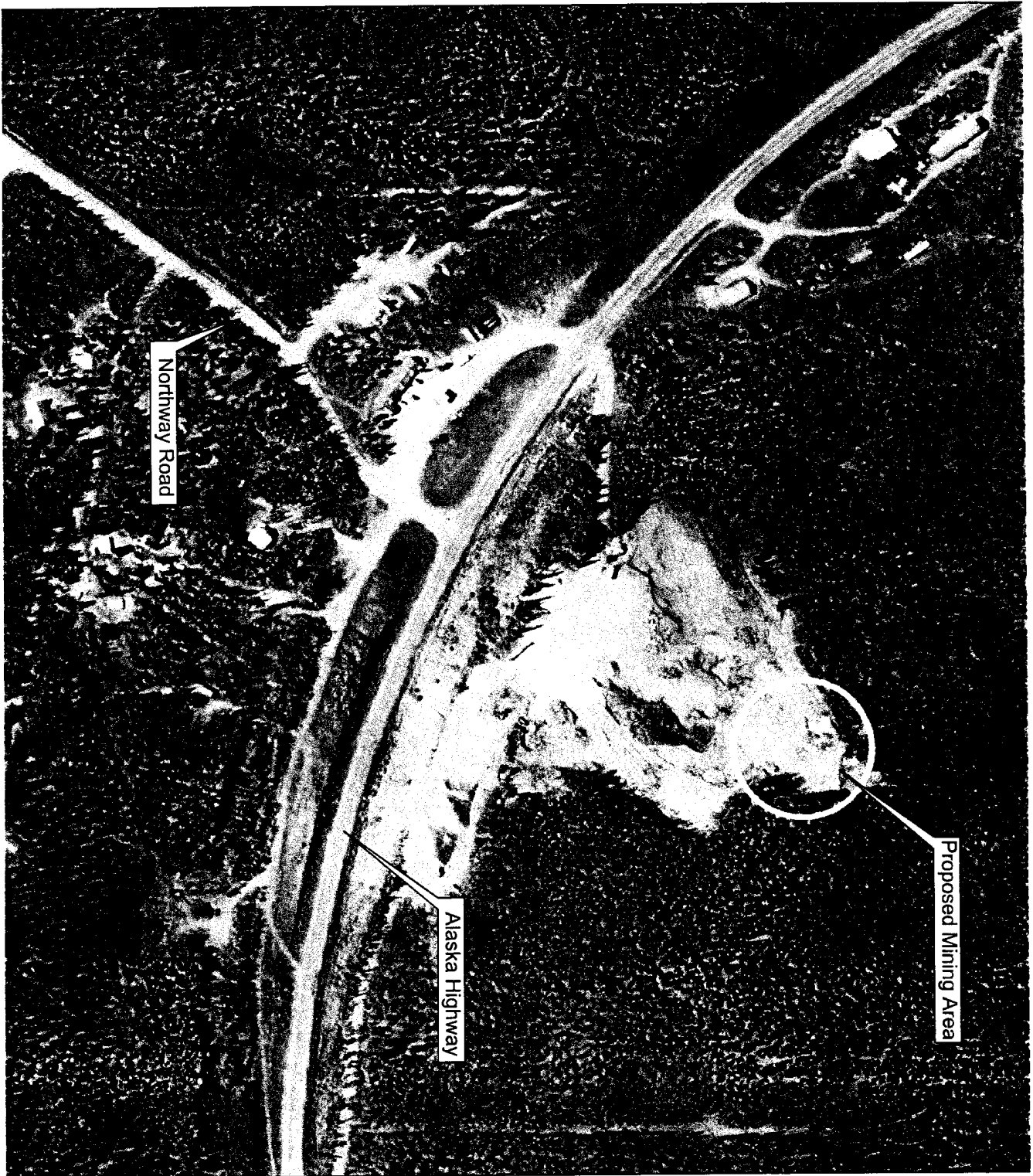


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